

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

September 2nd, 2015, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Sherwood Community Center, Art Room

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and welcome

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tim Killian at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is listed below.

Type	Name	Attendance
Member	Jon Buttram	Present
Member	Susan Crate	Present
Member	Judy Fraser	Present
Member, Chair	Timothy Killian	Present
Member	Bruce Knight	Present
Staff	Stefanie Kupka	Present
Guest	Bestsy Bicknell	Present
Guest	Frank Linton	Present
Guest	Valerie Morgan	Present

2. Invasive species presentation

Special guest Valerie Morgan presented information regarding native and invasive plants in the area. She noted that it would be beneficial to update the City's policies and codes to incentivize the planting of native species and prohibit/discourage the planting of invasive plants. She noted that it would also be beneficial for the City to develop an invasive plant removal program (similar to Fairfax County) and hire an Arborist.

3. Fall Festival Planning

Judy will work with Fairfax High School students to develop a game to identify native/invasive plant species. She will also bring native plant guides and invasive plants playing cards. Stefanie will bring recycling information, handouts and a spinning wheel game.

4. ESC guest speaker series summary discussion

The ESC requested a work session with the Mayor and City Council to present information learned from the ESC guest speaker series. They will prepare a brief summary and power point slides.

5. Development Review: The Enclave – Status Update & Lessons Learned

Jon summarized the questions and comments pertaining to the Enclave land use plan that were sent to Paul Nabti. Judy and Jon voiced concerns with the proposed Development Review Process which will be discussed further at the next meeting.

6. Solid Waste Management Plan

Stefanie gave an update on the Solid Waste Management Plan. Stefanie will distribute a copy of the draft plan for the ESC's review when it's ready.

7. FY16 Spending Plan Discussion (\$2,500 budget)

The ESC discussed items to potentially spend the FY16 budget on, such as invasive plants education, funding for scout projects, invasive plants pruning kits (for volunteers), webinars, etc.

8. Chairperson's items

Tim noted that there are currently four open positions on the ESC and requested that members try to recruit new members.

9. Committee items

Jon noted that school starts this week.

Judy noted that there's a community garden at the high school. She is working to recruit a new Fairfax High School Liaison.

10. Staff items

Stefanie noted that Brooke Hardin, Director of Community Development and Planning will be presenting on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite at the Oct 7th meeting. She also noted that the City hired a new Sustainability Intern, Akyra Glaze.

11. Public comments - None

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular ESC meeting is October 7, 2015 @ 7 p.m.

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